

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 5, lines 19–28, with the following amended paragraph:

Different portions of the boom curtain can be connected together using zipper connections, as disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/270,798 to Dreyer (Publication No. 20030072616; now U.S. Patent No. 6,739,801, issued May 25, 2004), which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. For example, the length of the boom curtain can be prepared by using modular components that are quickly and easily zipped together to form a boom curtain that is sufficiently long for an intended use. Alternatively, different upper and lower portions can be linked together to the one or more support systems, depending upon the configuration selected for a particular installation site. Likewise, a Y-panel anchoring system, when employed, can be linked to the lower portion of the boom curtain using zipper connections when so desired.